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## Panhellenic president honored

President is one of five regional scholarship recipients.

By Holly Abrams  
REPORTER

College life is sure to change everyone in some way, but for one student at the University, her involvement with the Greek community has molded her into an entirely different person.

Now a member of Chi Omega, junior Fay Coleman no longer considers herself the quiet and shy girl she was known as in high school.

"I came in not knowing what I was going to do or how I was going to make friends," Coleman

said. "I went through recruitment my first semester and it changed who I am. I couldn't imagine getting up in front of a group of 50 people three years ago."

It's with this change in character that Coleman has come to be the President of the BGSU Panhellenic Council.

The Panhellenic Council is a student run governing board of the 14 National Panhellenic Council sororities on campus. It is the largest women's organization on campus, with approximately 1,000 members.

Through her active involvement on campus she has been selected this year as one of five regional scholarship recipients from the National

Panhellenic Conference Foundation.

Coleman was shocked to hear she won the \$1,000 scholarship. She received a phone call from the NPC Foundation notifying her as a winner.

"I've never really won any scholarship or anything in my life so it was kind of shocking when I got the phone call," she said. "I pretty much started crying on the phone because I was so excited when she told me about it."

Coleman was formally announced as a scholarship winner at the Mid-American Greek Council Association conference, held Feb. 18 in Chicago.

"I remember when I was walking up there I heard all these

BG people screaming and it was a really good feeling to know they all support me," she said. "It's probably one of the biggest honors I've ever had. Just receiving that out of all the people in our region and knowing that my work with the Greek community here has been recognized in other places is a great honor."

Receiving this scholarship is not only an honor for herself, but for the University as well.

"It is a great tribute to Fay as it honors a sorority woman for leadership, scholarship and service achievements," said Ed Whipple, vice-president of Student Affairs. "Only one recipient is selected in the Midwest; thus, it is a wonder-

ful honor. It reflects well on Fay, her sorority and our Greek community and University."

Kate Freedman, vice-president for recruitment for the Panhellenic Council, was not surprised to hear that Coleman won the scholarship.

"She's an asset to our community. She's an amazing person and she does a lot for our community and takes on a lot of responsibilities in helping to build it to better things everyday," she said.

Coleman was awarded the scholarship not only because of her involvement with BGSU and its Greek community, but also

### ANOTHER AWARD

An Additional Award — the BGSU Panhellenic Council delegation won at the Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA) conference is the Wayne S. Colvin Award, awarded to Hilary Erlenbach of Delta Gamma. Given to an undergraduate Greek leader who far exceeds the Greek standard of excellence. It is awarded annually to one man or woman who is committed to improving himself or herself as well as others.

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## MRS. OHIO SPEAKS OUT



John Findling BG News

**STRONG RECOVERY:** Mrs. Ohio 2004, Carrie Layne, spoke yesterday about eating disorder awareness. Mrs. Ohio related with students by speaking of her personal encounters with bulimia, over-eating and anorexia. Eating disorders now affect up to 10 million females and 1 million males in the U.S.

## U.C. researchers identify new gene

By Meghan Goth  
U-WIRE REPORTER

CINCINNATI — Researchers at the University of Cincinnati recently identified the gene that makes a person more susceptible to heavy metal poisoning.

The discovery, guided by Daniel W. Nebert, a professor in the Department of Environmental Health and a researcher at the Center for Environmental Genetics, could prevent cadmium toxicity in humans.

Nebert will be featured in the March 1 edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a multidisciplinary scientific publication, because of his research team's discovery.

"This is a high-visibility journal," according to Nebert. "Only very solid research and important new breakthroughs are generally published in this journal."

Cadmium, according to Nebert, is an element on the atomic periodic chart that is considered a nonessential heavy metal.

According to Nebert, humans need certain essential metals — such as zinc, calcium, magnesium, iron and copper

— for normal metabolism and other biological processes.

But nonessential heavy metals, including cadmium, mercury, arsenic and lead, can accumulate in the body to damaging levels.

Cadmium in particular is suspected of causing birth defects, lung cancer and testicular cancer.

The metal is known to damage developing embryos, the kidneys, the nervous system and the lungs.

Cadmium is found in cigarette smoke, some shellfish and seafood, soil and some plants.

"A heavy smoker, about two-to-three packs a day from age 15 until 75 or so, would accumulate — in his kidneys — enough cadmium from tobacco smoke to poison his kidneys [which would lead to] complete renal shutdown," Nebert said.

During the early 1920s, Cincinnati researchers discovered that lead in gasoline could cause toxic poisoning in humans.

Since then, no study has determined a precise reason why nonessential heavy metals cause toxicity in humans and other animals.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences supported the cadmium research at Cincinnati with start-up funds of \$30,000.

After more than 10 years, Nebert and his team identified the gene (Slc39a8) that renders mice and other animals more resistant or sensitive to cadmium.

"The findings suggest that humans might exhibit genetic differences in cadmium susceptibility, similar to that seen in mice," Nebert said.

"This represents a significant breakthrough because such data will improve our understanding of how heavy metals actually cause toxicity and cancer in humans and in laboratory animals," Nebert said.

With this knowledge, it will be easier to prevent or treat heavy metal diseases in humans, he said.

According to Nebert, it is well known that some humans develop cadmium toxicity and others do not.

"I suspect that humans, just like mice, might have [different forms of the gene], rendering

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## Mother's passion helps raise money

Janell Kingsborough  
SENIOR REPORTER

Linda Glomski is an administrative assistant in the School of Communication Studies. But many people may not realize that she also is the Daffodil Days Committee Coordinator for one sole reason — family.

It is a family of hope. Daffodils, too, are a symbol of hope.

Hope for cancer treatment, survival and always for more research.

Glomski's youngest daughter was born with cancer and is the youngest cancer patient in Ohio. Now she is also a mother and the hope continues.

Glomski's daughter-in-law has

also been diagnosed with cancer and is also a survivor.

It's for them that Glomski believes drives her passion to raise money for cancer research. Each year she heads one of the campus' most influential projects.

Daffodil Days is the selling of flowers to benefit the American Cancer Society. Money that is raised supports patient services, medications, education and research in the county that the money was raised for. It is the second highest fund-raiser for ACS, next to Relay for Life.

"Research has done tremendous things for our family," she

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## Vioxx to be put back on market

By Brooke Hatchett  
U-WIRE REPORTER

OXFORD, Miss — An expert advisory panel with the Food and Drug Administration recently gave the green light to put the arthritis and acute pain medication Vioxx back on the market.

On Sept. 30, 2004, Vioxx was pulled from shelves by its manufacturer, Merck & Co., Inc., because data showed an increased risk of cardiovascular problems such as heart attack and stroke. Now, Vioxx has been given the OK to be put back on the market under strict conditions, including the "black box warning" — the FDA's most severe warning.

The panel also voted to keep Bextra and Celebrex on the market. According to the FDA's Web site, a new label

with upgraded warnings has been approved for Bextra, but Celebrex is still being analyzed.

Peter Ross, a pharmacist at Chaney's Pharmacy, said he thought the decision was a good one because Vioxx is a very effective medication for patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, and similar medications such as Bextra and Celebrex are still on the market. He said time was the biggest issue.

"When (Vioxx) is used for more than an 18-month period, that's when it could be harmful," Ross said.

Vioxx was one of the pharmacy's "fast-movers" before

it was pulled from shelves, but Ross said they still filled many prescriptions for Bextra and Celebrex.

He had not seen anyone with complications related to these medications, but people had still shown concern about being on Vioxx due to it being pulled from the market.

Another local pharmacist, Tony Grant, said his pharmacy also had filled many prescriptions for Vioxx, Bextra and Celebrex, but that

most of these had been changed to other medications.

Although he had seen one with complications relat-

ed to the medications, some patients now worry about over-the-counter drugs that are the same type of pain medication as Vioxx.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory pain medications, or NSAIDs, are commonly prescribed medications both over and under the counter. Vioxx, Bextra, Celebrex and over-the-counter medications, such as Ibuprofen, Aleve and Aspirin, are all NSAIDs.

"Many patients show concern because there could be an association between these medications and long-term complications," Grant said.

Grant said it was important to follow medication's directions and stick to proper dosages because not doing this causes many of the problems.

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WED



Snow  
Showers High: 25°  
Low: 9°

THUR



Snow  
Showers High: 25°  
Low: 17°

FRI



Mostly  
Cloudy High: 33°  
Low: 28°

SAT



Snow  
Showers High: 34°  
Low: 24°

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## Coleman's work recognized

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because of her post-graduation plans and leadership qualities.

Coleman is looking to go to medical school and obtain a MD and Ph.D at the same time. She then plans on doing research in the field of psychology.

In addition to her position as president of the council, Coleman is a member of Order of Omega (honorary for the top 10 percent of Greeks), secretary for Gamma Sigma Alpha (honorary for the top three percent of Greeks), Psi Chi (a national honorary society in psychology) and the Golden Key National Honor Society, among others.

As president of the council, Coleman is in charge of overseeing the executive board, running the council weekly meetings, attending monthly ex-officio meetings and serving as head delegate at the MGCA conference.

Coleman excels both aca-

demically and as a leader, said Dean Harwood, advisor for the Panhellenic Council. He has been working with Coleman for about a year and a half.

"She's wonderful, totally organized and has a lot of great ideas. She has done a lot of great things with the Panhellenic Council," he said. "I thought she had a really good shot at winning the scholarship and it was very exciting to hear she won. She's totally dedicated to what she does and does a great job as president."

Coleman possessed all the characteristics the council was looking for in an applicant, said Marny Gilluly, president of the NPC Foundation.

"She was chosen based on her scholastic achievements, academic record, extracurricular activities, actions in her sorority and the philanthropic things she does," she said.

Greek life and her involvement with campus organizations has

been rewarding for Coleman.

"I love it. I've met so many great people and have had so many great experiences working with all different types of people," she said. "It's just been a great experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Founded in 1902, The National Panhellenic Conference oversees 26 international women's fraternities and sororities. Members come from 620 college and university campuses in the United States and Canada and from over 4,600 alumni associations.

The NPC Foundation scholarship is awarded to women from each Greek conference region each year. The foundation was established in 1995 and works to promote educational and charitable programs to address issues women face in today's society.

Editor's Note: Information from the NPC Web site [www.npcwomen.org](http://www.npcwomen.org) was used in this article.

## Flag-lowering reemerges

By Bridget Tharp  
REPORTER

Prompted by pointed fingers and passionate pleas from Latino Student Union members last night, Undergraduate Student Government defended their Jan. 31 vote against lowering Ohio flags for soldiers killed in battle.

In that informal vote, USG decided not to join LSU in their letter writing campaign.

LSU has collected 523 student signatures for a petition to accompany their letter writing campaign. When USG voted in January, few senators had similar numbers to present about general student population on the issue. Several senators commented that they had abstained from the vote because there were not such numbers available.

"Our organization has done the footwork you have not," said LSU Political Action Chair Jeff Nolish, when he presented the totals of student signatures.

Nolish read a prepared statement from the general assembly of LSU. The statement criticized USG for their January vote, and asked USG to reconsider. The entirety of LSU is "dissatisfied with this action [the January vote]," and "move to hold [USG] accountable for rejecting our request without properly ascertaining the will of the undergraduate student community," according to the statement that Nolish read at the meeting.

Nolish told senators that last year's chief of staff, Paul Worley, is now in the U.S. military.

When Nolish ran into Worley on campus recently, the former USG senator said, "You tell 'em Paul Worley said to reconsider."

In a BG News poll of 254 readers, 75 percent were in favor of lowering flags to half staff to honor Ohio soldiers.

The online poll may not be completely accurate, according to Sen. Nathan Wiedenhoft, because students may be able to vote more than once.

Several USG Senators were skeptical of the number of students who signed petitions that Nolish and LSU President Raquel Colon presented.

Colon also called out USG senators for not showing LSU speakers respect during their open forum presentations.

"I look out and see senators with their eyes closed," said Colon, adding that other senators crossed their arms and rolled their eyes.

USG President Alex Wright voiced his continual support of a flag lowering campaign, but was insulted that LSU would criticize USG.

"To question our hearts," Wright said, "I don't agree with that."

Nolish was not able to wrap up his argument, after USG Speaker Chris Pearsy denied another extension to debate. Nolish

did not respond to many of the questions, because he wanted to answer all the questions at once during his conclusion, he said. After the meeting, Nolish said that he felt "sad, angry and disappointed."

Also at the meeting, USG voted in favor of two more resolutions from USG Sen. Greg Malkin that denounce the academic honesty policy. The first new resolution supported a newly approved student organization, Advocates for Students Accused of Cheating. The same resolution also called the academic honesty policy "unjust" for 16 different reasons.

The second resolution—co-authored by Wright—would allow students accused of cheating to use "lack of intent" as a defense to prove their innocence. The resolutions read that "students who make an honest and unintentional mistake should not face such serious consequences."

Glen Egelman also spoke during open forum for the second time this year. His message yesterday was much like that of his previous presentation. Egelman asked USG to vote in support of required supplemental insurance for students.

USG tabled a resolution that would support a "hard waiver" for insurance until next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday after spring break.

## Cincinatti finds significant breakthrough

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them more resistant or sensitive to cadmium," Nebert said.

When a population lives very close to a place that is heavily contaminated with cadmium through the water or soil, tests show that they have genetic differences in their susceptibility to cadmium, Nebert said. The discovery of the gene responsible for cadmium poisoning, according to Nebert, is a significant breakthrough for the faculty and students at Cincinnati.

"I'm not sure how many other genes have truly been identified [for the first time] by UC faculty or students," Nebert said. "This is also the first gene ever to be shown to be associated specifically with heavy metal toxicity [in any vertebrate]."

## Daffodil Days sales hit a low this year

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said. "We want to be called a family of hope, of survivors."

For almost 20 years, Daffodil Days has provided thousands of dollars for the ACS of Wood County.

"We want the daffodil to serve as a reminder to students to volunteer and to be aware," Glomski said. "We want to make everyone aware and to remember when they leave campus to be aware and to have check-ups and prevent cancer."

Many people rely on fund-raisers to help research to save lives.

Sales for Daffodil Days have been down this year. Glomski attributes low sales to money

that is needed elsewhere right now. A low economy, high gas prices and especially tsunami victims may not leave much room for people to donate as much to Daffodil Days as they have in the past.

"We are aware that the call and need is in other areas also, we knew that coming into the project this year," she said.

To help fight America's number one killer, a bouquet of daffodils will cost \$6.50. They can be ordered and sent to whomever the week of March 14. Order forms can be found online and the deadline is March 2.

"We want to keep finding more and more cures," she said. "There is hope, but it takes all of us."

## CLOSING DISCUSSION



John Findling BG News

**ENDING ON GOOD NOTE:** In the Black History Month Closing discussion last night in the Union, David Muhamab, minister, explored the division of races that still plagues America. "They never wanted to see Black people carrying guns or be armed in America," Muhamab said, "because if we are armed and united we are not going to allow others to assault us or make us their victim."

## Eating Disorders Awareness Week

February 27 - March 5

### Check This Out!

**Who:** Carrie Layne, Mrs. Ohio 2004

**What:** Carrie is increasing awareness about her chosen platform, Eating Disorder Awareness.

**When:** Monday, February 28, 2005 at 8:00pm

**Where:** Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 207

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### Carrie's Story

At a very young age, I was exposed to an eating disorder in my own home. No, this was not anorexia or bulimia, but another form known as binge eating. My beloved mother was 5'2 and weighed 220 pounds. Now to me, she was just "Mom", and as a small child I really didn't care what size she was. However, children in elementary school can be very cruel and I found myself crying and agonizing over their comments about how fat and ugly my mom was. I vowed then that I would never be an overweight person.

After going through some personal disasters in my early 20's, my self-esteem dropped to its lowest point. I soon found that the one thing I did have complete control over was food. I started to starve myself!

Of all the education that I received through counseling, the one thing that turned my heart towards recovery was learning that if I continued on this path I would never be able to bear a child of my own. That was unthinkable to me. Instead of deeming food my enemy, I made peace with new and healthy eating habits.

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**Undergraduate Student Government  
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for election 2005-2006

**WHEN AND WHERE:**

- Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8-9 pm  
Room 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
- Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 9-10pm  
Room 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

**WHO:**  
Any student interested in running in the election for the 2005-2006 school year

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## EATING DISORDER CLINIC OFFERED

A free screening for eating disorders will be offered today from 3-5 p.m. and tomorrow from 5-7 p.m. in the Wellness Connection, 170 Health Center. College students are a high-risk group for eating disorders. In the U.S., up to 10 million females and 1 million males are struggling with eating disorders.

## CAMPUS

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## Alternative sources fund college

By Frank Greve  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — Take heart: College tuitions are soaring, but fewer families are paying the sticker price.

A multibillion-dollar surge in financial aid based on merit — rather than only on financial need — is the big reason. Fourteen states now offer residents merit-based grants to help middle-class families meet college costs. Hundreds of colleges and universities woo top scholars and gifted musicians with tuition breaks regardless of family income.

"It defies the principles of lots of vice presidents for finance, but it makes sense to the parents," said Kevin Coveney, the admission dean at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., where any high school National Honor Society member is guaranteed a

\$10,000 tuition break.

The effect of all the new aid is to drive down the number of students who are footing full college costs themselves. It's 37 percent now, down from 45 percent in 2000, according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. At private four-year colleges, the number drops to just 17 percent. The aid's abundance makes tuition increases for many students as theoretical as list price increases for new cars.

Georgia's HOPE scholars — high school grads with B averages in college prep courses — get free tuition at state schools plus \$300. Florida's Bright Futures scholars get three-quarters tuition breaks plus \$300 at state schools if they earn B averages and SAT scores of 970 or better. B-plus students with 1270 SAT scores get free tuition.

Students at in-state private colleges in Georgia and Florida get equivalent breaks.

Michigan asks only that its students pass a state exam to score a \$2,500 grant for a state school or \$1,000 for an out-of-state one.

The programs are huge. Georgia has spent \$2.3 billion on 800,000 students since its pioneering program began in 1993. Florida's merit grants now help 120,000 college kids; Michigan's, 49,000.

So popular are the state initiatives, many funded with lottery revenues or tobacco-settlement proceeds, that legislators find they're difficult to cut, especially given that tuition increases averaged

10.5 percent at public universities last year. That's about four times the overall inflation rate.

The biggest fans are "mainly middle-class families," according to Jamie Merisotis, the president of the Institute for Higher Education Policy in Washington, which promotes access to college. "It's due both to rising tuitions and the belief that if low-income people are getting a benefit, there should be something for other groups based on merit."

To be sure, most of the more than \$75 billion in annual aid for higher education remains need-based. But the growth is in merit aid. States now spend a quarter of their scholarship

money on merit awards, up from 10 percent a decade ago, according to financial aid organizations. Merit aid's share of private college scholarships is 36 percent, compared with 27 percent in the early '90s.

"We've found hundreds of new awards in the past year," said Baird Johnson, the vice president for production and marketing at FastWeb, an Internet database scoured by seekers of merit-based aid. FastWeb's directory grew 20 percent this year, according to Johnson.

For high school seniors, the hunt for merit-based help means a new round of applications in the spring after they've won college admission. "It takes as much legwork as applying to college, with all the applications and essays and recommendations," said Barbara Weintraub, a college counselor at

James Hubert Blake High School in Washington's Maryland suburbs. Hunting for merit aid can be especially frustrating, she added, because "while there's a lot out there, it tends to be in \$500 and \$1,000 pieces that don't go very far."

Suzanne Adjogah, 17, an academically outstanding senior at nearby Montgomery Blair High School, is undeterred. She's already scored a \$30,000 scholarship from the University of Pittsburgh. Now she's trying to piece together a combination of need-based aid, merit grants and loans that would make New York University in New York City, her first choice, equally affordable.

She doubts she'll succeed, however, and when asked her parents' preferences, Adjogah said: "They want me to go where I'd be happy. They also want me to go to where it's free."

## get a life

The calendar of events is taken from  
<http://events.bgsu.edu/>

**8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
Works by the Student Art Association, "Student Art Education Association 2nd Annual Art Exhibition"  
Union Art Gallery

**8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
Annual Undergraduate Art & Design Exhibition  
A juried selection of art in all media by freshman, sophomore and junior students in the BGSU

School of Art  
Bryan and Wakleman Galleries,  
Fine Arts Building

**9:00am to 5:00pm** -  
WBGU-FM Community Involvement Campaign Table  
Union Lobby

**10:00am to 3:00pm** -  
Raffle and Safe Spring Break Kits  
Bacchus/Gamma will be giving out safe spring break kits

and also selling raffle tickets for a basket, funds to be used for Dance Marathon.  
Union Lobby

**10:00am to 3:00pm** -  
Massages in the Union  
Time to relax before midterms!  
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Union 208-BGSU Family Room

**10:00am to 6:00pm** -  
Global AIDS Week of Action Info Table  
Sponsored by American Medical Student Assoc.  
Union Lobby

**11:00am to 3:00pm**  
Body Art and Temporary Tattoos  
Union INVESCO Mezzanine Lounge

**11:00am to 1:00pm**  
Basketball Information Table,  
Sponsored by the Athletic Dept.  
Union Lobby

**11:00am to 2:00pm**  
Dance Across Europe Raffle and Promotional Shirt Sale, Sponsored by Dance Marathon

Union Lobby

**11:00am to 4:00pm** -  
Dance Marathon Mugs Sale,  
Sponsored by Dance Marathon  
Union Lobby

**1-4 p.m.**  
Marketing and Communication Job and Internship Bonanza  
Recruiters will be scheduling interview for the following day,  
March 2.  
Union 202

**2:00pm to 4:00pm** -  
UPS Recruiting, Sponsored by the Career Center  
Union Lobby

**2:00pm to 6:00pm** -  
WBGU Promotional Table,  
Sponsored by WBGU 88.1 FM Radio  
Union Lobby

**7:30 p.m.**  
Lamumba, Films in French  
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## National Eating Disorders Awareness

### National Eating Disorders Screening Program

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## QUOTE UNQUOTE

"This is just old stuff, like rerun stories. I mean, it's like watching 'Sanford and Son'—rerun after rerun after rerun."

San Francisco Giants slugger **Barry Bonds**, on the media's attention on speculation that he used steroids  
(newsweek.com)

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## OPINION

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## Bad choices in federal spending

Defense spending is seen as a matter of national security. It is undeniably important to spend money on the military, but when does it become too much? If spending isn't restrained, the country will end up selling out national security to the highest bidder.

Like many others before it, the Bush administration has declared itself to be for a stronger, safer America and believes that spending on military issues must take precedence over spending

## YOU DECIDE

What do you think can be done to improve the nation's current budget situation? Send an e-mail to [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com) and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

on social issues.

According to an analysis conducted by The Washington Post, the new \$2.5-trillion budget proposal contains cuts to 150 programs spanning

virtually all aspects of everyday life. In the meantime, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are estimated to have cost the U.S. taxpayers upward of \$300 billion.

The cuts and the ballooning costs of military involvement abroad are undeniably intertwined. Even more troubling, though, is that high-ranking U.S. officials often act blasé about putting the nation in debt.

Vice President Dick Cheney has said on the record, "Deficits don't matter." He, like many

others, believes in "trickle down" concepts of giving tax cuts and other benefits to the top money makers. They believe this will stimulate the economy and indirectly benefit even those that may not have received the tax cuts themselves.

President Ronald Reagan famously downplayed other approaches as "voodoo economics" and believed this supply-side approach was in the nation's best interests.

But this approach works

only if the economy is thriving. By putting the nation into debt, the government takes a gamble. If the economy does not start thriving, the budget will remain in the red.

The House Budget Committee Democrats estimate President George W. Bush's tax cuts will bear a price tag of \$6.1 trillion in deficit spending over the next decade. The Post agreed with this assessment, adding that the expenses would peak just after President Bush would leave office in 2009.

The delicious irony is that the fervor to spend money on the military creates deficits that have to be filled by borrowing money abroad. What was intended to make America stronger and independent is now tying the country down. Foreign nations can threaten the United States by simply raising the possibility they may call in on their debt.

In the end, it does not matter how well equipped the U.S. military is if it can easily be taken hostage by foreign investors.

## Great opportunity for BGSU fine arts

ABBY BEACHY

Guest Columnist

Over on the mid-west side of campus, near the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, in the depths of Eppler North lies a program often ignored—the Dance Program. Housed in the College of Education and Human Movement, in the school of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies we dancers often wonder if the fact that we deal with movement is more important than the fact that dance is an art form.

My thought: dance, above all else, is an art form, just like theatre and music; yet we are in the College of Education and Human Movement. We use movement as our primary form of displaying art and we should be treated as an art form.

In the Dance program, we have two studios to house 75 students and approximately 10 semester classes meeting anywhere between one and three times a week. At any given point in the year, we have rehearsals in progress for two or more shows, which also require studio space.

In addition, our larger studio, the Mary "Eli" Whitney Studio, which holds a maximum of 120 people, is the location for all the dance concerts throughout the academic year (between four and six shows a year).

The University Dance Alliance, in addition to other dance endeavors, produces a showcase of student dance works at the end of each semester. In past years, the attendance has grown so much that we have added a second performance night and

still have to turn people away as a result of our lack of space.

In past years, we have been given the opportunity to use the Eva Marie Saint Theatre for University Performing Dancer's Faculty choreographed concert, but we were denied that opportunity this year.

The Dance Program is a smaller one on campus that is not often known or promoted. We don't have the means to actively recruit high school students and getting our name out on campus is difficult due to the lack of support within our college.

Just recently a check was signed for \$1.5 million to compliment a government grant of \$8.7 million. This money is to go towards an \$11.7 million project to build a state-of-the-art arts complex to house the Department of Theatre.

Situated between the Musical Arts Building and the Fine Arts Building, The Wolfe Arts Complex will bring a sense of completion to that area of campus by creating an arts community.

But can we consider this community complete? Can musical theatre be musical theatre without dance? Couldn't this campus and the students of performing and fine arts benefit from collaborative efforts among all the art forms?

To my knowledge, the art of dance will still be in Eppler, with no money or effort going towards building the program, with no costume shop or adequate funds for new costumes, no opportunities to dance in a formal theatre space.

The only time we are recognized by the School of HMLS or the College of Education and Human Movement is when they can promote their departments

through our organizations and concerts.

The Dance Program has taken dances to National Conferences, performed in benefits (including one for the recent tsunami) teaches a variety of dance genres to the student and faculty body, brings in guest artists and teachers, and this year is hosting the American College Dance Festival on our campus.

Many on this campus have not recognized the efforts of the dancers and faculty within the Dance Program at the University. We have brought substantial recognition to Bowling Green through our dancing endeavors but continue to be undermined by the University.

If we could be seen as an asset to our University maybe we could build the program and allow arts on the campus to grow further. We could be used as an investment for the campus.

There are many high school students who attend college for a dance major or minor. Through better facilities and funding, we could recruit more of these students for Bowling Green and also bring in a larger audience for our shows.

With creative imaginings and cooperation, we could collaborate with the Department of Theatre and Film, School of Fine Arts and College of Musical Arts to bring new, innovative works and productions to enhance the quality of artistic education at the university and in the community.

Until the day comes when dance is considered art at this University, we will remain in the small northern corner of Eppler, dreaming of the day when we, too, get a space and identity of our own.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Since many students are going home for spring break, what do you miss most about home?



**BILLY DECLERCQ**  
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
"Food that's not deep-fried!"



**BRANDON BRUNNER**  
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS PRE-LAW  
"Sleeping in my own bed."



**MARK EMERSON**  
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
"Having my mom do my laundry."



**SCOTT POGOS**  
JUNIOR, EDUCATION  
"Mom's home cooking!"

## Separation of Churchill and state

Much has been said about Ward Churchill over the past few weeks, but it seems as though many people still don't know who he is. I know this because I've asked several people who he is, and they seem to think he's a former Prime Minister of England.

No, that was Winston Churchill.

Ward is a college professor who wrote an essay after the September 11 attacks in which he compares the victims to Nazis. His exact words are that they were "Little Eichmanns." Adolf Eichmann was one of Hitler's top leaders and who was responsible for having millions of Jews transported to concentration camps during the Holocaust.

This might just be me, but I fail to see the analogy.

As for saying "Little Eichmann," it sounds like he's talking about a baby. "Awww, look at the little Eichmann. You're a cute little Eichmann. Yes you are. Yes you are. Who's my little Eichmann?" Then you start blowing on their stomach.

I'm just glad that it wasn't Churchill who was writing the analogy section on the SATs. Had he been, I might not have made it to college. September 11 victims: Nazis: Great Blue-dini Kool-aid: the Abba song "Dancing Queen."

A big part of Churchill's point is that 9/11 was just retaliation for the Gulf War, and that they were within their rights. He even says that the Iraqis waiting as long as they did was a "testament to their patience and restraint." Throughout the essay, Churchill says again and again that Iraq was just getting us back.

This just in: We weren't hit by Iraq on September 11, it was the Taliban. A mind-boggling zero of the 19 hijackers were from Iraq.

He makes it sound like it was solely Iraq, despite the simple fact that they had as much to do with the attack as I did (note: I had nothing to do with 9/11 or any other terrorist attack on America).

He says that the American people didn't care about Iraqi civilians who died during Operation Desert Storm. As he put it, they were too concerned about "getting 'Jeremy' and 'Ellington' to their weekly soccer game."

First things first, who in the world names their son Ellington?



**JOSH BENNER**  
Opinion Columnist

Americans don't care? We just donated over a billion dollars for Tsunami relief. We give more to charity than any country in the world. We've had wars, and innocent people in other countries have died, and that is unfortunate.

But what are we supposed to do? Contrary to what some people believe, some wars must be fought.

What some of the "peace-nicks" don't seem to understand is that not everyone thinks like they do. You might want peace, and that's great, but there are some people in the world who want you dead, who don't want peace. And sure, it would be nice if we could all sit around the fire and sing "Somewhere over the Rainbow" but that's not very realistic.

With all of that said, how dare Churchill say that America doesn't care about human life?

Not only does he say that, but he says "we can appreciate the fact that they value life—all lives, not just their own—far more highly than [Americans]."

Terrorists go on suicide missions, and we don't care about life? The people who actually carried out the 9/11 attacks (the Taliban not the Iraqis) have such a strict set of mores that women can be stoned to death for not having their faces covered in public, but we're the ones who don't care about life?

Americans might not be rioting in the streets due to every injustice that ever happens, but neither does the rest of the world.

It's human nature to not live and die based on every news story you ever see. It wouldn't be healthy.

Churchill says that the people in the towers who died "formed a technocratic corps at the very heart of America's global financial empire—the mighty engine of profit."

Churchill is talking about how the people were living for money, yet he's speaking at colleges, and being paid thousands of dollars to do so; and he turned his essay into a book (which you can buy for the low price of \$21.95)—well *sich heil* to you too Ward.

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## WHITE HOUSE MUST CHARGE OR FREE SUSPECT

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ordered the Bush administration yesterday to either charge terrorism suspect Jose Padilla with a crime or release him after more than 2 1/2 years in custody. U.S. District Judge Henry Floyd, said the government can not hold Padilla indefinitely as an "enemy combatant."

## NATION

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## Parents seek divorce for daughter

By Vickie Chachere  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Terri Schiavo's parents asked a judge yesterday to allow the severely brain-damaged woman to divorce her husband, accusing him of adultery and not acting in his wife's best interests.

It was one of a flurry of 15 motions filed by Bob and Mary Schindler, who have less than three weeks to find a way to keep their daughter alive.

Michael Schiavo says his wife, who has spent 15 years in what doctors call a vegetative state, once told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents have fought his efforts but Pinellas Circuit Court

Judge George Greer ruled that Schiavo can have her feeding tube removed on March 18.

The Schindlers' attorney, David Gibbs, said Greer had indicated he will not hear the divorce request and five of the other motions filed yesterday, but that only means that the matters are now on their way to being appealed.

Appearing at a rally in Jacksonville, the Schindlers called on Gov. Jeb Bush to look into the circumstances that led to their daughter's 1990 collapse and asked Attorney General Charlie Crist to investigate whether Terri Schiavo's civil rights have been violated.

"We have filed divorce proceedings because of (Michael

Schiavo's) total disregard for Terri as his wife," Bob Schindler said. "He is married to Terri, but he is living with another woman and he has two children by her. It has become quite obvious that his priorities are not in Terri's best interest."

"Remaining married to him is an embarrassment," Gibbs said.

Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos, called the new motions little more than an attempt to clog the case with further delays. Felos has said even if Michael Schiavo were to divorce his wife, any new guardian would be obligated to remove Terri Schiavo's feeding tube because the court has ruled it is her wish not to be kept alive artificially.

"I think everyone knows the parents are going to try anything, including throwing in the kitchen sink, to frustrate the court's final judgment and Terri's wishes," Felos said.

Other motions by the Schindlers ask that some news reporters be allowed to see Terri Schiavo's interactions with her parents, since they contend she responds to them; that they be allowed to take pictures with her before she dies and that those photographs not become Michael Schiavo's property, as a current court order now requires; that she be allowed to die at home; and that they be allowed to bury her rather than the cremation her husband has planned.



RELIEF?: Mother of Terri Schiavo at a news conference Friday.  
Chris O'Meara AP Photo

## Companies shun mergers

By Rachel Beck  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Breaking up may be hard to do, but not for some corporate marriages that may fare better after divorce.

While a surge in takeovers has stolen the spotlight on Wall Street lately, not everyone is seeing the value of pairing up with someone else. In fact, some big companies — including American Express Co. and Sara Lee Corp. — have announced plans to spin off units they feel could gain more by operating on their own.

With investors more eager to buy stocks than they were in the recent past and business conditions looking up, companies see this as the right time to try to unlock value of certain assets they think aren't being represented in their share price.

Spinoffs are often attractive to companies with units that aren't related, so the operational and cost efficiencies are limited. In addition, they are popular when a company has one segment in a more recognized or innovative segment, which might not be getting the market's attention that it deserves.

For investors, this could be good news, especially if it manages to turn out superior share-price returns from the existing stock and the new shares for the spun-off unit distributed to existing shareholders.

But splitting apart companies could also reflect a corporate strategy gone wrong. Sometimes mergers don't work because the parts brought together just don't

fit — even though executives had touted the synergies when the entities merged.

And by pulling the pieces apart, that could pacify investors who think the combined company hasn't been living up to expectations.

"When you create a situation where the sum of the parts are higher than the two parts together, more value is created for your shareholders," said Louis Bevilacqua, chairman of the mergers and acquisitions department at the law firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

That's what Sara Lee Corp. is counting on with its spinoff of its \$4.5 billion apparel business, which includes such brands as Hanes underwear, Champion sportswear and Leggs hosiery. By jettisoning that unit to its shareholders, the consumer products giant hopes to focus on

its strongest brands in its bakery, household and meat products.

And Sara Lee's investors should already know how a spinoff can pay off. Coach Inc., a former Sara Lee division that is best known for its trendy handbags and accessories, hit the public market in late 2000, and the stock has soared from about \$5 a share on a split-adjusted basis to around \$55 apiece today. Shares in Carter's Inc., Sara Lee's former baby clothes unit, also have rocketed ahead since their public-market debut in October 2003, jumping nearly 40 percent to \$40 each.

American Express Co. hopes for the same kind of success

when it spins off its \$7 billion financial advisory business to its shareholders so it can focus on its charge and credit card payments processing and travel businesses.

"This spinoff will create two distinct businesses and allow them to capitalize on their respective growth opportunities," American Express CEO Kenneth I. Chenault said last month when announcing plans for the spinoff.

And many other companies are mulling similar moves.

Topping many market-players watch list is Hewlett-Packard Co. The ouster of its CEO Carly Fiorina last month triggered widespread speculation that the technology giant might be weighing a bid to spin off its profitable printer business. That division leads the printer market and brought in 73 percent of HP's operating profits and 30 percent of sales in the fiscal year ended Oct. 31.

Also under close scrutiny is whether Saks Inc. decides to split apart its middle-market and luxury department stores. The merger of the two has failed to turn out in the kind of cost savings and earnings growth that had been expected when the Saks Fifth Avenue high-end chain was bought by Profitits Inc. back in 1998.

Toys "R" Us Inc. is expected to spin off its Babies R Us this year, too. That unit, which sells baby toys, supplies and furnishings, accounted for three-quarters of the company's operating income, while only contributing about 15 percent of its total sales. Prudential Equity Group analyst Mark Rowen believes the Babies "R" Us division would be worth about \$11 a share on a stand alone basis — half of what Toys "R" Us stock is trading at today.

## Travelers endure delays as East Coast receives threat of snow

Some areas of the country are expecting as much as 14 inches.

By Wayne Parry  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — Highway crews spread salt on roads and schools gave students an unplanned holiday yesterday as a storm plowed along the East Coast with a threat of more than a foot of blowing snow.

Storm watches and warnings were posted as far north as Maine and snow coated roads as far south as North Carolina and eastern Kentucky.

"No! No, no, no! I'm ready for it to be hot out. I'm tired of the cold already," said Shajuan Carter of Irvington as she waited at Newark's Penn Station for a train into New York City.

Six to 10 inches of snow was likely in the New York City area by the time the storm lets up this morning, with 14 inches possible in northwestern New Jersey and the Poconos of northeastern Pennsylvania, and up to 2 feet in the mountains of West Virginia, the National Weather Service said. Eight inches was possible in Boston.

Ten inches had fallen by afternoon at North Carolina's Mount Mitchell and more than 8 inches was on the ground in western Virginia, where police blamed the weather for 100 traffic accidents. "By far, for us, this is the biggest snowstorm we've had," said Chuck Lionberger, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Afternoon arrivals at Newark Liberty International Airport were delayed up to three hours, although planes were still taking off on time.

Schools were also closed from Kentucky to Pennsylvania because of slippery roads or in anticipation of worsening weather, and others decided to send students home early.

For New Jersey, the storm arrived just five days after one that dumped nearly 8 inches on parts of the state.

The Taylor Rental Center in Mount Laurel had been getting calls since Saturday checking the availability of backhoes and other snow-removal equipment at a rate of \$263 for eight hours, manager Chuck Hudson said.

"Everything else stops when it snows and whenever there's snow on the ground," he said.

The storm was expected to

"No! No, no, no! I'm ready for it to be hot out. I'm tired of the cold already."

SHAJUAN CARTER, IRVINGTON

drop 8 to 12 inches on parts of Vermont, which could be enough to hamper Tuesday's annual town meetings, the staple of local government in the region.

If only a few people are able to show up to conduct a town's business, the moderator and town officials can specify a date to reconvene and then adjourn, said Vermont Secretary of State Deb Markowitz.

The snow was wet and heavy in parts of North Carolina, causing power line breaks that blacked out more than 11,000 customers, utilities said.

But in North Carolina's western mountains, the snowy weather was welcomed.

"This is sort of the winter we haven't been having," said Brad Moretz, general manager of Appalachian Ski Mountain. "March will exceed our expectations. This weekend we'll have good weather and good slope conditions."

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## SUICIDE BLAST IN IRAQ KILLS AT LEAST 115

HILLAH, Iraq (AP) — In the deadliest single strike since the fall of Saddam Hussein, a suicide car bomber attacked mostly Shiite police and National Guard recruits lined up for physical exams at a medical clinic yesterday, killing 115 and wounding 132 there and at a nearby market.

# WORLD

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## Syrian leader forced out

By Zeina Karam  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — With shouts of "Syria out!" 25,000 protesters massed outside Parliament in a dramatic display of defiance yesterday that forced out Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister and Cabinet.

Minutes after Prime Minister Omar Karami announced he was stepping down, jubilant demonstrators — shouting, waving flags and handing red roses to soldiers — demanded that Syrian-backed President Emile Lahoud bow out, too, and pressed on with their calls for Syria to withdraw its troops from the country.

Syria remained silent about the rapidly changing atmosphere in Beirut, where Damascus ruled unopposed for years, even deciding on the Lebanon's leaders.

But the dramatic developments — reminiscent of Ukraine's peaceful "orange revolution" and broadcast live across the Arab world — could provoke a strong response from Syria, which keeps 15,000 troops in Lebanon. It also could plunge this nation of 3.5 million back into a period of uncertainty, political vacuum or worse.

Like their counterparts in Ukraine, the Lebanese demonstrators took their ground and held it — they planned to stay in Martyrs' Square again yesterday night. And like Ukraine, their movement had trademark

colors: the bright red and white of the Lebanese flag, waved high in the air and worn as a scarf.

The White House welcomed Karami's resignation, saying it opens the door for new elections that are "free of all foreign interference" from Syria, but called again on Damascus to pull out its soldiers.

"Syrian military forces and intelligence personnel need to leave the country," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "That will help ensure that elections are free and fair."

In one sign Syria has no intention of just packing up and leaving, Syrian President Bashar Assad said in remarks published yesterday that there will be a price for Syrian troop withdrawal: a settlement with Israel.

"Under a technical point of view, the withdrawal can happen by the end of the year," Assad told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica. "But under a strategic point of view, it will only happen if we obtain serious guarantees. In one word: peace."

At first glance, the resignation of Karami and his government was a huge victory for the opposition, united by dislike of the Syrians, the Syrian-backed government and the drive to find those who killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri two weeks ago. Many blame Syria for his assassination.

A series of protests have shaken

Lebanon since Hariri, the nation's most prominent politician, was killed by a bomb in Beirut Feb. 14. Sixteen others also died.

The government may have stepped down, at least in part, in hopes of quelling the unprecedented anger at Syria and its allies in Lebanon. Despite the resignation, Damascus remains the major player in Lebanon: aside from its troops, it has powerful allies, including the president, the intelligence services and the military.

President Lahoud quickly accepted the resignation of Karami's 4-month-old Cabinet — which replaced Hariri's government — and asked Karami to stay on in a caretaker capacity until a new government is formed.

But opposition leaders — a diverse group of Muslim, Druse and Christians — demanded a neutral government to organize parliamentary elections this spring and to investigate Hariri's murder.

Druse opposition leader Walid Jumblatt, responding to Assad's published remarks, said Lebanon "cannot wait for peace to be achieved" in the Middle East and demanded a speedy troop withdrawal.

Yesterday's demonstration came exactly two weeks after Hariri's slaying. Banks, businesses and most schools were closed to protest the killing. Among the demonstrators were

lawyers in black court robes, doctors in white coats, businessmen, housewives and students.

Hundreds of soldiers and police ringed Martyrs' Square, but there was no violence, even as more and more protesters evaded the cordon and join the demonstration. Protest leaders urged their followers not to provoke the security forces, and some security officers appeared to sympathize with the illegal demonstration.

Protesters gave red roses to some soldiers, sang the national anthem and chanted: "Syria out!" and "We want no other army in Lebanon except the Lebanese army!"

At the nearby Parliament building, Karami had asked the legislature for a vote of confidence. Even though he almost certainly would have won, he resigned instead of calling the vote.

In announcing his resignation, Karami said he did it for the good of Lebanon after withstanding unjust criticism of his government in the parliamentary debate.

"I am keen that the government will not be a hurdle in front of those who want the good for this country. I declare the resignation of the government that I had the honor to head. May God preserve Lebanon," Karami said in remarks heard through loudspeakers and watched on a giant screen by throngs on the



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**LEBANON PROTESTS:** Protesters carry Lebanese flags and anti-Syria banners during a street demonstration in Beirut yesterday.

Martyrs' Square.

Demonstrators immediately shouted for Lahoud to step down, and speakers urged them to stay put until heads of the security agencies resign as well. The demonstrators also called for the Syrian intelligence chief to leave and for the Syrian army to withdraw.

"Lahoud, your turn is coming!" the crowd shouted.

Lahoud's six-year term was renewed in September by Parliament, under apparent Syrian pressure, in defiance of a U.N. resolution that demanded Lebanon hold presidential elections and the withdrawal of Syrian troops.

While Karami's Cabinet

continues as a caretaker government, the president consults with parliament then appoints a new prime minister. That person consults parliamentary blocs to form a Cabinet, which must withstand a parliamentary vote of confidence. Normally, the process takes a few weeks.

Opposition leaders were quick to try to quiet any qualms in Damascus.

"We don't want this victory to be a defeat for Syria," legislator Ghazi Aridi told the crowd.

And Jumblatt, who has been holed up at his ancestral home in the mountains for fear of assassination, said: "We reject any animosity toward Syria. We want a correct relationship."

## Bush considers option to offer incentives to Iran

By Anne Gearan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — President Bush is considering joining European leaders in offering economic incentives to Iran in exchange for abandoning its nuclear fuel program, but he has no timetable for a decision, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday.

The Bush administration has opposed any rewards for Tehran's cooperation. During the president's trip overseas last week, European leaders urged him to join them in offering incentives

such as possible membership at some time for Iran in the World Trade Organization.

Their argument was that a united front would be more effective than a continuing U.S.-Europe split over how to persuade Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions.

"The president is considering what he heard in Europe and looking at what he thinks might be necessary to support European diplomacy, but he hasn't made any decisions," Rice said.

"He's really reviewing and

looking back on the conversations," the secretary said en route to London for meetings with newly elected Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and representatives of European and Arab countries.

"There isn't a timeline. The president is considering what he heard; I assume I'm going to have further discussions while I'm here," she added.

A British official said Monday that Britain, France and Germany have discussed supplying Iran with commercial aircraft and

aircraft spare parts as incentives, in addition to membership in the WTO.

The issue of Iran came up repeatedly during Bush's five-day trip to Europe, including during separate meetings between the president and French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The tactics of incentives — offering a carrot to Tehran now as well as pledging to use a stick later if necessary — had been

flatly rejected by the administration ahead of the European trip.

Bush in the past has said that Tehran should not be rewarded for violating terms of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which bars Iran from enriching spent nuclear fuel to make it suitable for nuclear weapons. Bush also has protested Iran's support of militant groups in Israel such as Hezbollah.

But as his trip progressed, Bush seemed to exhibit more flexibility on the topic of incentives.

"We are considering, the president is considering, what options he might have to support the European efforts to get the Iranians to live up to their international obligations and to not seek a nuclear weapon under cover of a civilian nuclear program," Rice said.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in Washington that Bush met with members of his national security team on Friday, right after his return from

Europe, to discuss the European proposals on incentives.

The spokesman said the president supported diplomatic efforts by European allies. European leaders have urged the United States to join the talks.

"The question of us sitting with Iran is not necessarily something that's going to contribute to moving this process forward," said a State Department spokesman, Adam Ereli.

Meanwhile, the administration has decided not to press the U.N. nuclear agency to refer Iran's program to the Security Council, where economic penalties could be considered.

Also yesterday, McClellan repeated U.S. concerns about a nuclear fuel agreement between Iran and Russia that is designed to help Iran fire up its first nuclear reactor by mid-2006. The deal was signed Sunday.

Iran insists its nuclear program is strictly designed to produce electrical power, not weapons.

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## MARCH 8 EXECUTION HALTED FOR TESTS

(AP)—Yesterday marked a halt to execution of a prisoner who claims an abnormality in his brain affected his behavior when he raped and killed a woman in 1987. U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel said the claim of the prisoner, William Smith, should be investigated. A CT scan revealed abnormality in a part of Smith's brain.

## STATE

## Mergers, splits bring bustle to Ohio economy

Department store company attempts to appeal to young people

Goodyear sells tire company

By John Nolan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Federated Department Stores Inc. plans to double its size by acquiring May Department Stores Co. in what amounts to an \$11 billion bet that department stores have a

future even as consumers increasingly shop at discounters and specialty stores.

"We believe passionately that department stores have a very important place in the ever-forming, ever-changing retail environment," Terry J. Lundgren, Federated's chairman, president and chief executive said Monday in announcing the cash-and-stock deal.

Many of May's department stores eventually will be converted to the Macy's name as Federated accelerates its strategy of creating a nationwide brand that would give it pricing leverage with suppliers. The transaction also would bring together the operator of Bloomingdale's with May's Marshall Field's, Lord & Taylor and Hecht's chains.

Federated would not say how many jobs will be cut or what the company would do in cases where it would control multiple department stores in

malls. Analysts at Smith Barney estimates that 94 malls have stores with Federated and May nameplates.

The combined company would have about 950 department stores and an additional 700 bridal and formal wear stores. It would operate in every state except Alaska, along with Guam, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Department stores have been losing sales in part because young people regard them as the places where their parents shopped, retail industry analyst Kurt Barnard said.

He said Lundgren has driven Federated to reach out to young people with merchandise that appeals to them, an approach that Federated can use for May's stores.

Still, Federated could face a big challenge in revitalizing May, whose sales have slipped, according to Bob Buchanan, an analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. "It is not going to be easy to turn that around," he said.

Federated already is spreading the Macy's name to its regional department store groups, meaning that names including Lazarus, Rich's and Burdines will

disappear this month.

Lundgren said Federated doesn't plan to change May store names before 2006, but then will rename its stores — and even some Bloomingdale's stores — as Macy's. That means that May store names including Filene's, Foley's, Hecht's and Kaufmann's could disappear next year.

The merger is the latest consolidation in the department store industry, particularly the mid-tier sector as companies seek to reduce total advertising spending and other costs while gaining bargaining power with suppliers. Just last November, Kmart Holding Corp. agreed to buy Sears, Roebuck & Co. for \$11.5 billion.

And there may be more dealmaking in the offing. Saks Inc. may sell or spin off its middle-market department store division to concentrate on its Saks Fifth Avenue unit, which targets the luxury market, one of the hottest areas in retailing. It is expected to make a decision in a few weeks.

Federated's takeover of St. Louis-based May is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval. The companies hope to close the deal in the third quarter this year.

Federated said it expects the merger to improve profits beginning in 2007. The company said it anticipates \$450 million in cost savings by 2007 from combining purchasing and other central functions, integrating divisions and adopting best practices from both companies.

Under the deal, each share of May will be converted into the right to receive \$17.75 per share in cash and 0.3115 shares of Federated stock. Based on the 10-day trading average of Federated stock as of last Friday, that equates to \$35.50 per share, or \$11 billion.

Federated said it will assume May debt that totaled about \$6 billion at the end of 2004.

May shares fell 84 cents, or 2.4 percent, to close at \$34.51 in Monday trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Its stock has been rising in recent weeks in anticipation of a deal.

The stock has ranged in price from \$23.04 to \$36.48 during the past year.

Federated shares initially rose \$1.21 to \$58 in trading Monday morning, but later fell 34 cents, or 0.6 percent, to close at \$56.45. Federated has traded between \$42.80 and \$59.91 the past year.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AKRON, Ohio — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., the nation's largest tiremaker, said yesterday that it has agreed to sell its farm tire business for \$100 million to an Illinois tire company.

The farm business is part of Goodyear's rebounding North American division, which made its first profit since 2002 earlier this year. The farm business employs about 800 people, mostly at a plant in Freeport, Ill., that makes tires used on tractors and other farm machinery, said Goodyear spokesman Ed Markey.

The deal with Titan International Inc. includes the plant, property and equipment. It must be approved by federal regulators and by members of the United Steelworkers of America.

"Once that is done, Goodyear will be out of the farm business in North America," Markey said.

Titan president Maury Taylor said his company has offered to extend the current labor agreement Goodyear has with some 700 hourly employees through 2010. The contract is due to expire in July 2006.

The only changes would be a salary and vacation time cap for new employees, Taylor said.

"Nobody's going to lose

anything," he said.

The USWA said yesterday it was not optimistic about new labor negotiations with Titan, noting that members who worked at a Titan plant in Des Moines, Iowa, went on strike for 40 months beginning in April 1998.

Quincy, Ill.-based Titan, which makes steel tires for use on off-highway vehicles used in construction and agriculture, said the Goodyear purchase should add \$210 million in annual revenue to its overall sales, \$510.6 million in 2004.

Akron-based Goodyear expects a one-time gain from the sale, followed by an annual loss of about \$200 million. After that, the company that posted \$15 billion in sales last fiscal year should benefit from the farm business sale because it will be free of its expenses and able to invest more in core divisions, including the making of tires for passenger automobiles, Markey said.

The agreement calls for the Goodyear name to remain on some of the farm tires manufactured by Titan and for Goodyear to sell some of the Titan tires. Titan said in a statement that it will decide by June whether to move the headquarters to Des Moines or keep it in Illinois.

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## BG SPORTS

### BRIEFING

#### Softball has rough time at Frost Classic

The Bowling Green women's softball team struggled offensively at last weekend's Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tennessee, going winless in all of their four games.

The team lost to Virginia 4-0 and to Tennessee-Chattanooga 3-0 on Friday before falling to Tennessee Tech 5-1 and Bradley 7-2 on Saturday. The squad ended the tournament with a narrow 1-0 loss to Kentucky and a 5-2 loss to Purdue on Sunday.

In Sunday's game, pitcher Liz Vrabel came up big for the Falcons, allowing only six hits in the loss. Vrabel pitched all ten innings and the one run scored was unearned.

#### Swimming takes fifth at MAC championship

The Bowling Green swimming and diving team came home with a fifth place finish after three days in Athens at the MAC championships.

BG finished with 404.5 points on the tournament while winners Ball State finished with 562.5 points.

Stephanie Bunker led the way for BG, taking a win in the 100-yard freestyle with an NCAA standard B qualifying time of 51.25.

Kara Ohngren, Dana Schultz and Caroline Keating were each named to the All-MAC second team.

#### Track has rough time at MAC championship

The Bowling Green track team placed 10th at the 2005 MAC Indoor championships this past weekend in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Kerri McClung led the way for the Falcons with a throw of 49-2.50 in the shot put. That was good enough for second place.

Sophomores Erica Wilson and Veronica Vance had solid performances, picking up fifth and sixth in the high jump and long jump, respectively.

The outdoor portion of the Falcons' season is slated to start March 19. The Falcons will be in Cincinnati taking part in the Cincinnati Opener.

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## BG aims for first MAC title in over a decade

By Elliott Schreiner  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bowling Green women's basketball team has a chance to clinch their first regular season Mid-American Conference title since 1994 with a win against Northern Illinois.

The Falcons already rolled past the Huskies 80-44 in a Feb. 2 game at Anderson Arena. Even so, the Falcons know it's going to be a fight.

"[Last game] came easy against Northern and that's a shock," BG head coach Curt Miller said. "We got ahead early, got them down and didn't get their best effort."

The Falcons took a ten-point lead into the locker room at the half and rolled from there, using 23 turnovers and a 27.8 percent shooting day from Northern to earn the easy win.

It didn't hurt that the Falcons shot 48.2 percent in that game and hit 11 three-pointers.

BG knows they probably won't have quite the same fortune this time around.

If the Falcons lose, they will fall into a first place tie in the MAC with Kent State, Marshall and Eastern Michigan and miss out on winning the MAC title outright. So this game goes well beyond just going

into DeKalb and beating Northern.

"We're still playing for a number one seed and a MAC championship," Miller said. "I can't imagine we'll have a letdown."

The Falcons will also have to find a way to replace the play of forward Ali Mann, who injured her ankle in Saturday's game against Toledo.

Mann is averaging 13.8 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, but her importance goes past the X's and O's of basketball.

"She's a leader on the floor," Miller said. "We need someone who can be vocal and coach on the floor."

It's been awhile. Minus the loss of Mann, this season has been quite positive for the Falcons.

They started the season playing No. 6 Ohio State. They've managed to build their best record in the conference in years. And they're on the cusp of restoring glory to the Bowling Green program.

Just two years ago, these events seemed unimaginable to those around the program. Miller, in his fourth year at BG, was only able to rack up 21 wins in his first two seasons as

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John Findling, BG News

**GET OUT OF THE WAY:** Bowling Green guard Kate Achter goes up for a shot over Toledo's Savannah Werner Saturday. Achter and the Falcons will try to win the MAC title outright tonight against Northern Illinois.

### GYMNASTICS

## Falcons' winning streak snapped

Bowling Green can't reach emotional high of last weekend's record-breaking meet.

By Jessica Ameling  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green gymnastics team's three-meet winning streak came to an end this Saturday in Pittsburgh. The Falcons took third place at a quad meet against Pittsburgh, James Madison and Michigan State.

After setting a school-record mark of 196.100 last week, the team posted a mark of 191.325.

"It was just one of those things where the emotional high was just so great and then they just dropped off so far that they couldn't get up for the Pittsburgh meet," head coach Dan Connelly said. "They tried their best and sometimes that's just how the cycle works."

Michigan State won the meet with 194.025, Pittsburgh was second with a 191.650, and James Madison rounded out the meet by posting a 185.075.

Junior Jessica Guyer once again put up solid performances for the Orange and Brown, winning the floor exercise for the fifth meet

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## McCune has big battles off field

By Michael Marot  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Robert McCune hears football players talk about going to war, he just shakes his head. Three years of Army service taught him that football is a game, war a battle for survival.

McCune lived on military bases in five states and was deployed to South Korea and Kuwait. He's heard the crackle of nearby gunfire and camped on a roof during a monsoon. He spent days refueling military vehicles and freemomentslifting a 50-pound rock.

McCune endured it all so he could keep playing football. His Army buddies found that funny.

"I told them that after this I was going to go to college and get my degree, I was going to play football, and they laughed," he said.

Now the linebacker might be close to playing in the NFL. McCune, among the 332 players invited to this year's combine, will be 26 by the time of the April draft, and he might be the oldest player selected.

"If the guy is a real good football player, you don't worry about it," Houston Texans general manager Charley Casserly said. "If he's in the development stage, it becomes a concern."

McCune wasn't even offered a Division I-A scholarship when he graduated from LeFlore High School in Mobile, Ala. He earned a spot on the Louisville team as a walk-on and finished with 320 career tackles. Some scouts wonder if the 6-foot, 245-pound McCune is big enough to play inside linebacker, but no one has questioned his commitment or work ethic.

"You assume he has a character that's very high, and that's very important to all of us," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said. "People who not only can avoid off-field problems, but who can be productive like that are very valuable."



Grant Halverson, AP Photo

**REAL SOLDIER:** Louisville's Robert McCune (54) breaks up a pass intended for UNC's Adarius Bowman in a game this year.

McCune had hoped to play in college at Alabama or Auburn. The only offers came from places like Alabama A&M, Alabama State, Southern University and Grambling.

So McCune joined the Army in 1997 and quickly started moving. During the next three years, he lived in Fort Lee, Va.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Fort Irwin, Calif. The arduous training regimen included 4-mile runs, pushups and situps.

"My plan was to go into the military, grow up and walk on at some Division I school," he said.

When he went to South Korea for one year as a patrolling specialist, McCune improvised. He used his fueling truck rig as a pullup bar and a heavy rock for weightlifting. Between missions, McCune found just enough time to pull out the sharp-edged rock for a workout.

"I'd sit on top of the truck and do curls over my head until they

came," he said. "I was in Korea for 365 days, and I'd say I worked out 340 days."

McCune learned to deal with the odor of raw sewage and poor living conditions, but wasn't prepared for the monsoon season. One night, with his barracks covered in about 7 feet of water, he scrambled onto a roof and spent the night there as lightning lit the sky.

"I didn't think the rain was ever going to end," he said. "I was trying to think of a plan of what to do next."

Many fared far worse. "A lot of the Koreans lost a lot," he said. "Some were caught by the water, and I have no idea where the water took them."

During a six-month tour in Kuwait, McCune and the Americans rarely met the locals. Occasionally, McCune was awakened by gunfire, unsure where the shots came from.

"It sounded pretty close," he said. "I would just jump out of

bed when I heard it."

McCune finished his active duty in 2000. When he returned home, he pursued his football dream despite a five-year commitment to the National Guard. Some coaches were wary, knowing he might miss practices.

But he persuaded John L. Smith, then coach of Louisville, to let him play and used the G.I. Bill to pay for his first semester. By the second semester, he had earned a scholarship.

In March 2003, he nearly had to leave football again. McCune's Guard unit was alerted that it might be deployed to Iraq. He was sent to Fort Knox for training, missed part of spring football and worried he might miss part or all of his junior season.

"It was tough because I had been selected captain and my coaches expected a lot out of me," he said. "They told me not to worry, that my spot would still be there when I got back. I missed about two or three months of school, but everything ended up working out. We weren't called up. It just made me appreciate football that much more."

McCune finished 2003 with a team-high 143 tackles, including four sacks. This past December, McCune completed his military service with the rank of corporal in time to start preparing for the NFL combine. He also earned a degree in education.

McCune will spend the next two months preparing for football, watching the news and getting updates from friends never far from his mind. But you'll never hear McCune making comparisons between the game he loves and the battles he's fought.

"In war, you have real, live bullets flying around," he said. "My buddies, they have a saying: 'Stay alert, stay alive,' and one of my friends said it's true. I talk to them all the time, and they tell me they hope I make it. I tell them 'I hope I make it, too.'"

### TENNIS

## BG gaining big mo early in year

Falcons use singles play to beat Xavier and Cincinnati.

By Joe Watts  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green tennis team, benefiting from outstanding singles play, snapped their three-match losing streak in impressive fashion over the weekend with victories against Xavier and Cincinnati.

With the wins, the Falcons now sit at 8-4 going into spring break and are feeling pretty good about things.

"We have so much positive momentum going into the Dayton match and the MAC season," BG head coach Penny Dean said.

That momentum is mostly due in part to their impressive win over Xavier on Sunday.

The Musketeers (5-4) defeated the Falcons last season 6-1.

This year, however, was much different.

The Falcons, led by their strong singles play, routed the Musketeers 6-1.

After taking the doubles point with victories in the second and third flights, BG won five of the six singles matches to complete the drubbing.

Senior Susie Schoenberger defeated XU's most talented player, senior co-captain Lauren Clary, in the top flight, 6-2, 6-2. This was a big win for Schoenberger as Clary was 29-5 in singles play last season and an even more impressive 27-1 after winning the first set.

"Susie was fantastic," Dean said. "She really played well and it was a big win."



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**SWINGING AWAY:** Bowling Green senior Susie Schoenberger returns a shot during the BGSU Invitational earlier this year. The Falcons took down Xavier this past weekend.

Sophomore Ashley Jakupcin followed Schoenberger's lead with a 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, victory in the second flight over Kristen Clary.

The third and fourth flights weren't as lopsided for the Falcons but they were victorious nonetheless. Freshmen Andrea Volle and Jenna Nussbaum both notched hard-fought, three-set victories over Stephanie Bauer and Jackie Villines, respectively.

Nussbaum battled through a couple of match points in the third set tiebreaker before finally taking the match.

"Our freshman came through

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# Illinois No. 1 for 13th time, UNC takes 2nd

By Jim O'Connell  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illinois was No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll yesterday, the Illini's 13th straight week on top and their fifth consecutive poll as a unanimous choice.

The Illini (28-0) beat Northwestern in their only game last week.

Coupled with a loss by Michigan State, that was enough for them to win their second straight Big Ten title.

The 13-week run at No. 1 is the longest since Kansas was on top for 15 straight polls in 1996-97. Five weeks as a unanimous choice of the 72-member national media panel is the longest such streak since Duke's five-week run in 2001-02.

North Carolina (24-3) beat North Carolina State and Maryland last week to remain No. 2.

Kentucky, which beat Alabama in a key Southeastern Conference game on Saturday, moved up two spots to third. Wake Forest made the same jump to fourth, while Boston College, which lost at Villanova last Wednesday, dropped from No. 3 — the highest ranking in school history — to fifth.

Duke moved up one spot to sixth. It marked the Blue Devils' 164th consecutive poll appearance, tying Kentucky for the fifth-longest streak since the poll started in the 1948-49 season.

Duke has been ranked in every poll since the preseason Top 25 of the 1996-97 season. The record is UCLA's run of 221 consecutive polls that started with the preseason voting in 1966-67 and ended on Jan. 8, 1980.

Kansas, which has the second-longest active streak at 91 straight polls, moved from eighth to No. 7. Oklahoma State, the team the Jayhawks beat to end their three-game losing streak, dropped from fourth to No. 8.

Louisville and Washington rounded out the Top Ten.

Arizona was 11th and was followed by Gonzaga, Syracuse, Michigan State, Connecticut,



Robin Scholz AP Photo

**SEE YA:** Illinois point guard Dee Brown drives past Northwestern forward Mohamed Hachad during an Illini win last week. The Illini are No. 1 for a 13th straight week in the Associated Press poll.

Utah, Pacific, Charlotte, Villanova and Oklahoma.

Alabama, Cincinnati, Wisconsin, Pittsburgh and Nevada were the last five ranked teams.

Pittsburgh (18-7) lost home games to West Virginia and Connecticut last week to extend its losing streak to three games.

The Panthers' fall from 18th to 24th was the biggest drop of the week, and is their lowest ranking since they started their run of 59 straight polls on Feb. 11, 2002.

Washington, which beat Arizona State and Arizona, and Villanova, which beat Georgetown in addition to the win over Boston College, both

had the week's biggest jump at four places.

There are four games with two ranked teams this week — Pittsburgh played Boston College last night; Charlotte at Louisville on Thursday; Syracuse at Connecticut on Saturday, and Duke at North Carolina on Sunday.

## BASEBALL

### BG opens season with two wins in Ky.

By Elliott Schreiner  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Bowling Green baseball team, playing outside this weekend against Murray State gave them some new ground to tread on.

"This was our first time outside," BG pitching coach Tod Brown said. "This is my sixth year and every year I've been here we've been able to have at least one outside practice."

Luckily for the Falcons, the weekend was still a success even without a chance to play in the elements. The Falcons dropped their weekend opener against Murray State 8-0, but recovered nicely, winning its second game Saturday 7-3 and taking the only Sunday game 10-5.

"That was outstanding," Brown said. "We were very pleased with the team."

The weekend that featured quite a bit of hitting for the Falcons surprisingly enough started out with a shutout.

BG was unable to get ahold of Murray right-hander Craig Kraus. The senior held the Falcons to just four hits in his seven innings of work. That, coupled with the lack of playing outside, led to the Falcons lack of pop in their season opener.

But the bats would come alive in the second half of the double header.

The Falcons took advantage of all their opportunities, using seven hits to bring home seven runs. Andy Hudak and Josh Stewart led the way, knocking in

a pair of runs apiece.

But the pitching was every bit as impressive for BG.

"Burke Badenhop started the second game and threw four impressive innings," Brown said.

The reason for the small amount of innings pitched is because the Falcons were looking to use all 11 pitchers they brought on the trip, a goal they reached by Sunday's game — a game the Falcons led essentially from the get go.

Eric Lawson used the games first at bat to take the ball over the left field fence to give BG the early 1-0 lead. The Falcons really brought out the lumber in the finale, racking 13 hits and four home runs.

Along with Lawson's round tripper, Nolan Reimold put one out while Andy Hudak outdid both his teammates, hitting a pair of homers in the 10-5 win.

The Falcons will look to continue their momentum as soon as possible. As it stands now, that will be this Wednesday, when they are slated to play in Dayton. As of now, freezing temperatures and a 100 percent chance of snow are in the forecast until tomorrow. If either occurs, it isn't likely the Falcons will play.

"The big thing this early is that we won't do anything to jeopardize the team," Brown said. "If the field is wet or the temperatures drop below freezing we won't play."

Weather permitting, the Falcons are slated to play tomorrow in Dayton at 2 p.m.

### Tribe's rotation set for opener barring injuries

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland manager Eric Wedge and pitching coach Carl Willis don't anticipate any changes in the Indians' starting rotation during spring training unless someone gets hurt.

The settled rotation is one of the main reasons the Indians think they can contend this season in the AL Central. The challenge is fixing a bullpen that was the Indians' downfall a year ago.

Barring injury, the rotation will consist of left-handers C.C. Sabathia and Cliff Lee, and right-handers Jake Westbrook, Kevin Millwood and Scott Elarton. Sabathia and Westbrook made the AL All-Star team last season.

Wedge thinks it's a big advantage to have the rotation settled in spring training.

"I think it will help us prepare for the season better," he said. "We can take better looks at other areas of the team, like the bullpen, which is very big for us. It takes a lot of the guessing game out of it when you've already got your rotation picked."

Cleveland starters were 49-49 last season with a 4.77 ERA, the fifth-best in the American League. The bullpen was a disaster, blowing 21 of 36 save chances in the first half of the season.

The Indians added depth to the bullpen during the offseason by bringing in left-handers Arthur Rhodes and Scott Sauerback. In addition, the club re-signed

closer Bob Wickman to a one-year deal worth \$2.75 million. Wedge figures that if the rotation is solid once again, the club should be in good shape.

"It all starts with the rotation," said Wedge. "I like the group we have here. They complement each other. It's a nice blend."

The rotation will be anchored by Sabathia, who was 11-10 with a 4.12 ERA last season and will pitch the season opener in Chicago against the White Sox.

Westbrook was the biggest surprise last season. He opened the season in long relief, then worked his way into the rotation and finished 14-9 with a 3.38 ERA.

The key to the rotation could be Millwood. He spent six weeks on the disabled list because of a sore elbow last season with Philadelphia, and finished 14-12 with a 4.85 ERA. In his two previous seasons, he was one of the National League's top starters.

Lee is coming off an up-and-down season. He finished with a 14-8 record and a 5.43 ERA. After starting the season 10-1, Lee lost six straight decisions and was winless over nine starts.

Elarton will be the No. 5 starter. He started 21 games last season with Cleveland, going 3-5 with a 4.53 ERA.

"We feel very good about our rotation," Willis said. "All of them have been successful. We think they'll give us a good chance to win every day."

## Guyer has another stellar showing

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in a row with a 9.825. She also placed third on the vault with a 9.675 and second on beam with a 9.750.

"Jessica Guyer just did what she does all the time, and did a great job," Connelly said.

Seniors, Kristen DiPietro and Breanne Metzger joined Guyer in leading the team by placing second and third in the all-around.

DiPietro scored 38.350 in the all-around highlighted by a 9.600 eighth place on the beam and 9.550 ninth place on the vault.

Metzger tallied up an all-around score of 37.875 and recorded a 9.600 on the bars.

Freshmen Jayme Stambaugh and Jacquelyn Bernhardt contributed to their team on the vault and floor, respectively.

Stambaugh placed seventh on the vault with a 9.600. Bernhardt finished fifth on the floor with a 9.750, the second-best score of her

collegiate career.

Sophomore stand-outs at this meet included Sakura Tomita and Erin Coudrient. Tomita placed fourth on the bars with a 9.775 and Coudrient claimed seventh on the floor with a 9.700.

Junior Jessica Bradley led the falcons on the uneven bars, placing third with a 9.800 and also contributed a ninth place 9.575 on the beam.

"Jessica Bradley with her 9.800 on bars had a tremendous routine, sticking her landing. She did a great job on beam as well," Connelly said.

The team will have a chance to rebound when they compete this Sunday in Fullerton, Calif. against Cal State Fullerton and San Jose State.

"We're going to be trying to get back on track of just hitting our routines," Connelly said. "They had a huge high and then bottomed out, but there's no doubt in my mind they'll come back up."



Mike Metzger BG News

**GET ON THE FLOOR:** Bowling Green sophomore Sakura Tomita does a floor routine in BG last weekend.

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## Falcons storm through Cincinnati over weekend

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and played well at three and four," Dean said.

Junior Heidi Romer closed out the scoring for BG with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Annie Diedalis in the fifth flight.

The Falcons started their weekend off on the right foot with a tough 4-3 win over Cincinnati on Friday afternoon.

The Bearcats (3-7) took the doubles point with wins in two out of the three flights, with the second flight duo of Jakupcin and Nussbaum being the only Falcon flight to win their match, 9-7.

BG managed to erase their one point deficit with wins in the top two flights to take a one point lead of their own. Schoenberger defeated Cristina Keyes 6-1, 6-2 in the top flight and Jakupcin followed with a second flight victory over Hannah Hinton 6-2, 6-0.

Then things tightened up.

The Falcons lost the next two flights meaning they would have to win the next two flights to win the match.

Romer turned her match around in the fifth flight after dropping the first set against Julie Klauk to record a 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 win at a crucial time for the

Falcons.

"Heidi had a very good come from behind win," Dean said.

Junior Andrea Meister clinched the match for BG with her sixth flight victory over Lindsay Brown 6-0, 6-4.

The match was a testament to how Dean feels about her team.

"I am amazed by this team, weekend and weekend out they never get down on themselves."

The Falcons, momentum and all, return to Keefe Courts on March 16 when they take on Dayton at 3 p.m. in their final match before the MAC season starts.

## Falcons turnaround comes sooner than expected

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head coach. Last year, the Falcons equaled that record en route to a run to the MAC title game and are on pace to equal that total again.

For Miller and the Falcons, all this good fortune wasn't supposed to happen until next season — the fifth season in

Miller's five-year plan to turn the program around.

"I wasn't unrealistic in thinking it may take six or seven years," he said. "But a great freshman and sophomore class has accelerated that plan."

For Miller, the rapid rate of his team's success has come as a surprise.

But looking around every day

makes the success seem more realistic.

"It's not all that surprising when I'm in practice and I see the people that I'm working around," Miller said.

BG will take the first step towards glory restoration at 8 p.m. in DeKalb when they take on NIU. A win will give BG an outright MAC title.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

East	Overall W-L	MAC W-L	Games Back
Kent State	18-8	11-4	0
Marshall	17-9	11-4	0
Miami	14-12	8-7	3.0
Ohio	11-15	7-8	4.0
Akron	3-23	3-12	8.0
Buffalo	4-22	2-13	9.0
West	Overall W-L	MAC W-L	Games Back
Bowling Green	19-7	12-3	0
Eastern Michigan	21-5	11-4	1.0
Ball State	14-12	10-5	2.0
Toledo	12-14	8-7	4.0
Western Michigan	10-17	7-9	5.5
Central Michigan	10-16	4-11	8.0
Northern Illinois	7-19	4-11	8.0

## Chaney suspends self for A-10 tournament

By Dan Gelston

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Temple's John Chaney will not coach in the Atlantic 10 tournament, part of a self-imposed punishment for ordering rough play by one of his players in a recent game that resulted in an opponent's injury.

The Hall of Fame coach was already suspended by the school for the final three games of the regular season. Chaney sent in a player he described as a "goon" against Saint Joseph's last week, and Hawks' senior John Bryant wound up with a broken arm.

Chaney had sent Nehemiah Ingram in to "send a message" over what he said was Saint Joseph's use of illegal screens.

The Hawks and Owls could have played against each other in the A-10 tournament.

"I believe the fair thing is for me not to coach during the Atlantic 10 championship tournament in Cincinnati," the 73-year-old Chaney said in a statement yesterday. "John Bryant is unable to play in the Tournament because of the injury he sustained last week against Temple. Neither should I be able to coach."

Saint Joseph's athletic director Don DiJulia declined to comment to The Associated Press yesterday.

Chaney had apologized to Bryant and his family and offered to pay his medical bills. Chaney originally suspended himself for one game before the extent of Bryant's injury was known.

When an MRI on Friday showed Bryant had a broken arm, Temple suspended Chaney



Miles Kennedy AP Photo

**BENCHED:** Temple coach John Chaney reacts during the first half of a game against Princeton earlier this season.

for the final two games of the regular season.

"I never intended — nor did any of my players intend — for anyone to be injured, regardless of what may have been said emotionally before, during and after the game," Chaney said. "But the unfortunate fact is that John Bryant was injured. I have taken full responsibility for my words and actions, and have apologized from my heart."

Chaney apologized again in his statement yesterday to Bryant, both schools and the

conference.

"Last week, my words and actions were wrong, wrong, wrong," he said.

Chaney is still coaching the Owls at practice, though he won't attend any of their games. Assistant Dan Leibovitz is coaching the team.

No disciplinary action has been taken against Ingram, who broke Bryant's arm. Ingram fouled out in 4 minutes against the Hawks and returned to play Saturday in a win over Massachusetts.

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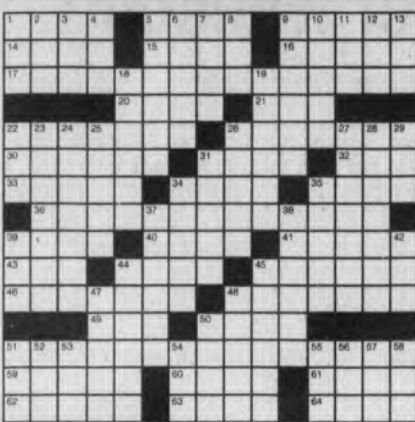
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34 NASCAR word  
35 Propel into space  
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39 The one here  
40 Feline rumble  
41 Double Dutch equipment  
43 Post-dusk in poetry

44 Incorporated municipality  
45 Cut in half  
46 With a leg on each side of  
48 Shore leave  
49 Diamonds, slangily  
50 Throw caution to the wind  
51 Quadraphonic feature  
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60 Desert gully  
61 Gobi's location  
62 Met production  
63 Ultimatum word  
64 Count (on)

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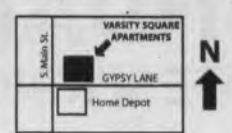
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